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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, APRIL 20, 2000

APPLICATION OF

GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED

CASE NO. PUC990213

To implement extended local service from its Lorton and Lorton Metro exchanges to its Arcola exchange

FINAL ORDER

On November 17, 1999, GTE South Incorporated ("GTE" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia. GTE proposed to notify its customers in the Lorton and Lorton Metro exchanges of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to extend their local service to include its Arcola exchange. application stated that telephone customers in GTE's Arcola exchange had previously petitioned the Commission for local calling to the Company's Lorton and Lorton Metro exchanges. In a poll conducted in response to the petition, a majority of Arcola customers responding supported paying higher rates for local calling to Lorton and Lorton Metro. A poll of Lorton and Lorton Metro customers in response to this application was not required under § 56-484.2 A of the Code of Virginia because the

proposed rate increase does not exceed five percent (5%) of the existing monthly one-party residential flat rate.

By Order dated December 17, 1999, the Commission directed GTE to publish notice of the proposed increase. Affected telephone customers were given until March 3, 2000, to file comments or to request a hearing on the proposal. No comments or requests for a hearing were received. On March 3, 2000, GTE filed proof of notice as required by the Commission's Order of December 17, 1999.

On March 17, 2000, the Commission Staff submitted its report recommending approval of the Company's application.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The proposed extension of local service from GTE's Lorton and Lorton Metro exchanges to its Arcola exchange shall be implemented.
- (2) GTE shall file the tariff revisions necessary for the proposed extension of service.
- (3) Since there is nothing further to come before the Commission, this case is dismissed and removed from the Commission's docket of active cases.